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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Turner's Law'

It boggles the mind, and should cause the citizens to worry, that the Central Intelligence Agency could have a foreign minister as an "asset" (i.e., someone who with or without pay secretly provides information) without the knowledge of the corresponding American ambassador. Yet Adm. Stansfield Turner, the CIA chief, admitted to a congressional subcommittee, as reported in your newspaper April 21, that that might well be the case in certain instances. He wryly noted that "Turner's Law" permitted it, declaring that "he [the ambassador] doesn't need all the details to be in charge."

In respect of a detail of that magnitude, I say to you, sir, that that's balderdash!

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Former U.S. ambassador.

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